

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks public comment on the response to the environmental aspects of a proposed repair project in York County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

May 22, 2013 to June 25, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination (FCD)

DEQ is reviewing a federal consistency determination for the proposed repair of the earthen dam at the Lower Pond at the Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown to determine whether the project would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Coast Guard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Coast Guard proposes to repair the Lower Pond Dam at its Yorktown Training Center. The dam is failing due to a deteriorated discharge pipe and a dam face that is improperly sloped (too steep) and eroding. The dam was built in the 1950s, and provides stormwater control for one third of the Training Center's footprint. The dam discharged into the tidally influenced Wormley Creek, which flows into the York River. The Coast Guard proposes to replace an existing corroded metal pond discharge pipe with an appropriately sized non-corrosive plastic pipe. It will then place a stone embankment buttress on the discharge side of the dam to provide proper sloping and permanent stabilization. A tidal zone aquatic wetland bench will be installed parallel to the line where the dam meets the creek, for additional stabilization and eventual establishment of a section of inter-tidal living shoreline.

The Coast Guard states that the proposed project will be consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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